

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

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| IN RE: BTC, INC., d/b/a WESTERN IOWA NETWORKS | DOCKET NOS. TCU-97-23 TF-03-21 |
| | CERTIFICATE NO. 0265 |

CERTIFICATE

(Issued March 7, 2003)

On August 26, 1997, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order granting an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29, to BTC, Inc. (BTC). In the order, the Board stated that BTC would be issued a certificate when BTC obtained an approved tariff setting forth the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa. On January 23, 2003, BTC, Inc., d/b/a Western Iowa Networks (Western Iowa), filed an amendment to its approved application reflecting the fact that BTC will be doing business as Western Iowa Networks.

Also, on January 23, 2003, Western Iowa filed a proposed local exchange tariff. Revisions to the tariff were filed on February 20, 2003. The proposed tariff and revisions, identified as Docket No. TF-03-21, contain the terms, conditions, and rates for Western Iowa's local exchange service. An order approving the amended application, approving the proposed tariff and its revisions, and issuing a certificate is

being issued concurrently with this certificate. Since Western Iowa will have an approved tariff to provide local exchange service, the Board will issue Certificate No. 0265, authorizing Western Iowa to provide local exchange service in the listed exchanges.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

This certificate of public convenience and necessity, issued pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29(1), authorizes BTC, Inc., d/b/a Western Iowa Networks, to furnish local telephone service in the exchanges as shown by its tariffs as currently and subsequently approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of March, 2003.